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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please consider the following. Included is a request for a one-month extension of time, together with a credit card payment form in payment of the large entity fee therefore. No additional fees are believed to be required, however, if any additional fees are deemed necessary, please charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include the payment of any issue fee.

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